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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAW).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 3, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable E. CLAY SHAW, Jr., to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

How blessed is the just one. Truly happy and free is the one who fears the Lord. All the demands of life and love are embraced with ease.

The dawn of a new day fills the just with energy to do what is right and to risk everything in the cause of justice. Wealth and power seem throwaway items to the generous heart concerned for others.

The details of a job well done are worth remembering for the one whose heart is steadfast. There is no fear of an evil report or the manipulation of others in the heart of the one committed to the Lord.

For the just, communion in the Lord is real every day and lasts forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOOZMAN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2136. An act to extend the final report date and termination date of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, to provide additional funding for the Commission, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 93-642, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) to be a member of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees, vice the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 104(c)(1)(A), of Public Law 108-199, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program:

Dr. Steven Trooboff of Portland, Maine.

DAVID KAY AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, Dr. David Kay, former Iraqi weapons in-

spector, gave an interview on the Today Show on January 27. Let me quote from what he said:

"Iraq was a country that had the capabilities in weapons of mass destruction areas and in which terrorists, like ants to honey, were going after it. We found that the Iraqi government, particularly Saddam Hussein and his senior leadership, had an intention to continue to pursue their WMD activities; that they, in fact, had a large number of weapons of mass destruction program-related activities."

Some in this body must have a hearing problem. To say that the President and the administration have misled the American people in building the case for the war with Iraq is wrong. Dr. Kay, like many others, is confident that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction and the ability to produce weapons of mass destruction. In fact, Saddam Hussein even used these weapons of mass destruction on his own people.

I hope the American voters see through the false charges against the President of the United States.

URGING MEMBERS TO JOIN BIKE-PARTISAN BICYCLE CAUCUS

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the general election for President is basically starting this week. The Democrats have selected their nominee. The President is out campaigning. But I hope that we will be able this week to take a pause before the action gets too heated to deal with the hundreds of volunteers who are visiting Capitol Hill who are advocates for bicycling.

These are people from all over the country, small businesspeople, community activists, all here with a message of how activity dealing with cycling in

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